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1st Infantry Division soldiers receive Purple Hearts

Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo – Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, Commanding General U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, awarded Purple Hearts to two soldiers early this morning at the Camp Bondsteel medical facility.

Sgt. Jerry Burge of Mississippi and Sgt. Dominic Higgins of Arizona, of the 3rd Plt., B Co. 54th Engineer Battalion stationed in Bamberg Germany, received the medals for their injuries sustained during an explosion in Klokot village. The soldiers are currently assigned to Task Force 1-18 Infantry at Camp Magrath.

Burge and Higgins were knocked unconscious while investigating an earlier explosion by a secondary explosion and incurred injuries.

The soldiers were decorated with the Purple Hearts with serving in a military operation outside the territory of the United States as part of a peacekeeping force.